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**Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Students
Earn Top Awards at Johns Hopkins Math Tournament**

Silver Spring, MD—Students from the Montgomery Blair High School Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program earned first and second place team and individual awards at the Johns Hopkins Math Tournament (JHMT), which took place at the university's Homewood Campus in Baltimore on February 14. Members of the tournament's first-place team include (with grade level) Eric Lu (11), Eric Neyman (12), Michael Winer (12), and Victor Xu (12) of Rockville. The second-place team was comprised of Dilhan Salgado of Rockville, Anish Senapati of Gaithersburg, Noah Singer of Bethesda, and David Wu of Potomac, who are, amazingly, all ninth graders.

The Blair Magnet group also earned six individual awards. In the calculus category, Michael Winer received first place. Victor Xu and Michael Winer earned first and second place, respectively, in the probability category. For the algebra category, eighth-grader Daniel Zhu of Takoma Park Middle School, who will join the Blair Magnet next fall, and tenth grader Sambuddha Chattopadhyay received first and second place, respectively. Finally, Dilhan Salgado earned second place in the general test. Blair Magnet math teacher Mr. David Stein serves as the sponsor for the Blair math team.

This math contest, in its fifteenth year, attracts students from Maryland, Washington, D.C., Virginia, and other states from the East Coast. The competition includes two team rounds and two individual ones.

First place team member Eric Neyman comments on the team win and graciously offers credit, "After four years of getting very close to winning the JHMT, we were finally able to earn first place. I attribute our success in large part to the supportive and enriching atmosphere of the Blair Magnet, and in particular the Blair math team. Our team sponsor Mr. Stein has been incredibly supportive of the math team and all of the captains' initiatives this year, and I am confident that, in part thanks to his support, the math team will continue doing very well in competitions for many years to come."

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Fellow teammate and first place individual award recipient Victor Xu adds, “JHMT was a fun competition, and the teams from Blair certainly were able to perform very well.”



Montgomery Blair Magnet students (from left) Victor Xu, Mike Winer, Eric Neyman, and Eric Lu comprised the first place team at the Johns Hopkins Math Tournament. (Photos courtesy of Mr. David Stein)



The Johns Hopkins Math Tournament second place team included Montgomery Blair Magnet students (from left) Anish Senapati, David Wu, Dilhan Salgado, and Noah Singer.

Blair Magnet math teacher and Blair math team sponsor Mr. David Stein praises the team, “We are all very proud of the Blair math team this year. The students have clearly established Blair as one of the most dominant math teams on the East Coast. It is a tribute to their hard work and the rigor of their math education in the Blair Magnet.”

About The Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Foundation

This organization was founded by a group of concerned students, teachers, administrators, and alumni in 2008. Its purpose is to promote science, mathematics, and computer science education by supporting the Magnet Program at Montgomery Blair High School in its efforts to develop resources and refine practices needed to provide a rigorous and enriched education for students, staff, and the community at large. The Foundation is incorporated in the state of Maryland and is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

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